SAN DIEGO DX CLUB
BULLETIN

May 2004

Legends of Amateur Radio

Tall Tales, and Big Antennas

See and hear legendary Ham Operators Art Enockson W6EA, Ted Gillett W6HX, and Gene Real K6OJ talk about their stations, their exploits and the big ones that got away thru a 42 minute "must see" video.

- All SDDXC members, please bring a photo of your early days in ham radio (whenever that was). If you have it digitally, or can scan it, please send to K6ZH in advance of the meeting (jnprice@pacbell.net)
- As you watch this video, think about what we (SDDXC) should do as a similar project to capture the early days of this club and its earliest leaders who are still with us.

Join us at
The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd
May 26, 2004 - Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M

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A Word From The Prez
by John, K6AM



The Visalia convention is over and those of you I have talked with had a pretty good time. Lotsa fun and interesting stuff again this year. We counted 21 San Diego members in attendance. W6KUT was the last one standing out of the crowd of nearly 600 with both the most countries worked (386) and the most years licensed. Congrats Uncle Ed, I knew you could outlast all those other whippersnappers! An old tradition was revived with the NCCC hospitality suite party after the Banquet. I hear that some of those youngsters stayed at it until the wee hours of the morning. My personal thanks to all of you who served as volunteers for registration, card checking, DX Millionaire assistants etc. Your efforts will enable us to share in the proceeds of the Convention and throw a couple of great parties later in the year. So far, the complaints about the new emcee have been minimal so he may be back again someday too.

Elections are coming up in June. We will have a meeting of the nominating committee (the Board) this month to come up with a slate. Anyone with a desire to join the board of directors in some capacity and give something back to your club needs to speak up now. Give me a call at home if you would like to run.

If my phone just rings, it means I've left for ZF1A for the WPX CW contest again this year. I'll be there on the meeting day so our VP Jim, K6ZH will be you ringleader. Don't forget to work me on all bands and spot me every half hour! CU in the pileups.

San Diego DX Club Policy on content of DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of Dxing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors.

SDDXC Top Ten!!

John Barcroft K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 17 METERS

5/04	5/03	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6YA	40	?	?	323	-
2.	2.	K6AM		306	309	315	-
3.	3.	N6ND	40	66	66	298	-
4.	4.	W6KUT	40	255	255	285	-
5.	6.	N7CW	40	189	189	285	+4
6.	5.	K6TQ	40	282	282	282	-
7.	7.	W6SHY	40	220	220	257	-
8.	8	N6CW	25	87	87	256	-
9.	10.	W6YOO	33	241	244	244	+9
10.	9.	W6EUF		177	177	236	-

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 12 METERS

5/04	5/03	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6YA	40	?	?	309	-
2.	2.	K6AM		297	300	303	-1
3.	3.	N6ND	37	61	62	289	-
4.	4.	W6KUT	40	236	236	277	-
5.	5.	K6TQ	38	265	265	265	-
6.	6.	N7CW	39	155	155	260	+5
7.	7.	N6CW	39	95	95	255	-
8.	8.	W6SHY	40	204	204	239	-
9.	9.	W6EUF	37	183	187	214	-
10.	10.	W6YOO	29	207	209	209	+6

As the sunspots set in the west, these bands have slowed way down. However the races are so close that both of our reporters moved up a notch on 17. Looks like we have seen the last of the good years on 12 meters for a while. However, 17 is still a very viable band and should remain so for most of the lean sunspot years to come.

If your not playing the WARC bands, you're missing a chance to experience the thrill of working a new one several times every month. The little Cushcraft WARC dipole is all you need to get started. The newer Force 12 Antennas work on 12 and 17 with a couple db of gain as well.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 160 meters, RTTY and band-countries. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. My address is 4286 Farley Ct., San Diego, CA 92122, or bring 'em to the meeting.

DUES Are DUE!!

They are due. That's why they call them DUES. Hey! Give your Treasurer a break, get out your checkbook, make out a check for $10.00 to SDDXC and send it to Harry A. Hodges, W6YOO, 2435 Our Country Road, Escondido, CA 92029-5715. And while you are at it, think about going for multiple years.

TREASURER'S REPORT
March 31, 2004

Balance as of Mar 31, 2004:	**$2,201.54**
Income:	
Regular Dues:	**140.00**
TOTAL:	**140.00**
Expenses:	
Postage Stamps:	**37.00**
Speaker's Mug:	**12.93**
Spare Projector Bulb:	**395.75**
TOTAL:	**445.68**
Balance as of Apr 30, 20004:	**$1,895.86**
Petty Cash on Hand:	**20.00**
Total Checking/Petty Cash:	**$1,910.86**

MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2004

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive at Murphy Canyon Road on Wednesday, April 28, 2004. President John, K6AM delayed the start of the meeting to allow extra time for members held up by the accident caused traffic jam on southbound Interstate 15. There were 21 members and guests present. A former member W6ZUM was in attendance.

A brief DX Roundtable was held and John, K6AM presented the Top Ten for both 12 and 17 Meters. Jim McCook, W6YA led the list in both categories.

President John, K6AM thanked all members who attended and volunteered at the International DX Convention in Visalia. It appears that all had a good time. (Remember that sign up day for the Holiday Inn for next year is Thursday, May 20, 2004 beginning at 8:00 AM.

The upcoming ARRL Field Day was discussed. It appears that some nine members are interested in participating. A smaller operation, say Class 1A might be appropriate; however, the club would still strive to come out on top in its class.

Paul, WN6K, gave an excellent presentation on the ARRL's Logbook of the World. Harv, K6QK, assisted him. Many questions were asked and answered about LOTW. Although the program has been up and running for only a short while, several million log entries have been uploaded to the ARRL LOTW computer.

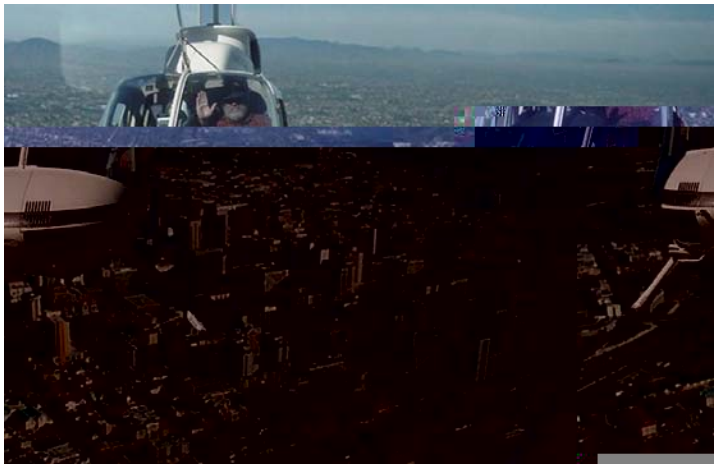
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Because of the I-15 tie-up I missed the meeting. These minutes were assembled from the notes of others. If I left something out please forgive me.

Respectfully Submitted,

HARRY A. HODGES, W6YOO
Secretary/Treasurer

As of March 31, 2004, the following members been placed on inactive status: W5BN, N6CY, KG6KTT, W6KY, XE1NW, KC6NXZ, K6PO, N6DDF(N6VF) , N8WP, N5ZO and N6DUR resigned.



Thanks to the San Diego DX Club for allowing me to do your newsletter. It is an enjoyable job, and gives me a chance to create some different items, such as the picture to the left. As you can see, I am always on the look out for DX, where ever I can find it Even in the skies over San Diego. 73,

Tack NZ6T

Announcing

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The Pacific Northwest DX Convention

>> July 16-18, 2004 <<

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At the south Everett *Quality Inn*
Exit 186 off Interstate 5 at 128th St. SE

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Ask for the Western Washington DX Club